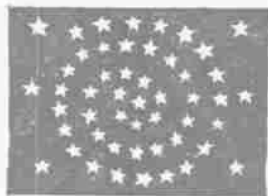


THE GREAT FLAG DAY PUZZLE!—WHERE CAN NEW STAR BE PLACED?



There are 48 states in our union and in the blue field of our flag there is a star to represent each state. There are six rows of stars with eight stars in each row.

If another state was admitted to the union another star would have to be placed in the blue field. There is not room for another as the stars are now arranged.

Where would the new star be put?

That's a good question to ponder over today, which is flag day by proclamation of the president.

There are three chances for another state to be added some time in the future. There's Alaska, which might be taken in; Porto Rico, where the residents have just been given the ballot, and Hawaii.

The arrangements of the stars and stripes in our flag is a serious proposition. It takes an act of congress to allow a change. When the first flag was made there were 13 stars and stripes for the 13 original states. It



was planned then to add a star and a stripe as each state was added to the union.

When the flag got as far as 20 stars and 20 stripes it was seen there were going to be so many states there would not be enough room for all the stripes. So it was decided always to have 13 stripes to represent the 13 original states and to add a new star in the blue field for each state.

Up to the time New Mexico and Arizona were admitted to statehood there has always been room for additional stars. But now the rows are crowded and when a new state is admitted a new arrangement will have to be worked out and voted on by congress.

What is your idea of what this arrangement should be?

Can you figure out a design for the blue field so there will be 49 stars.

Our flag is the most beautiful in the world. In making your arrangement of stars, remember the flag must retain its beauty.

Now, celebrate Flag day by designing a new blue field so there will be 49 stars.

